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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT--REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SOUTH ASIA
NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONE

1. 1. NAIK (PAKISTAN) GAVE AMB MARTIN LATEST REVISION OF SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR FREE ZONE RES (TEXT BELOW). NAIK POINTED OUT THAT REVISED DRAFT DOES NOT "DECLARE" SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR FREE ZONE BUT MERELY ENDORSES CONCEPT AND INVITES STATES IN THE REGION TO CONSULT.

2. TEXT OF REVISED DRAFT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF STATES TO HARNESS
NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND AS AN
INSTRUMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS;

REALISING AT THE SAME TIME THE DANGERS OF
DIVERSION TO MILITARY PURPOSES INHERENT IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY;

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2456B(XXIII) OF 20

DECEMBER 1968 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES
FREE FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS;

EXPRESSING THE CONVICTION THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF SUCH ZONES IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD IS ONE
OF THE MEASURES WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO
HALTING PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO PROMOTING
PROGRESS TOWARDS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, WITH THE ULTIMATE
GOAL OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR
MEANS OF DELIVERY;

BELIEVING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE
ZONES WILL STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF REGIONAL STATES AGAINST
NUCLEAR THREAT;

RECALLING THE ANTARCTICA TREATY OF 1959, THE DECLARATION
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN 1964 AND THE DECLARATION
ADOPTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH
EAST ASIAN NATIONS IN 1971;

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-
FREE ZONE WOULD, INTER ALIA, REQUIRE
(A) COMMITMENTS BY THE REGIONAL STATES TO USE EXCLUSIVELY
FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND FACILITIES UNDER
THEIR JURISDICTION AND TO PREVENT THE TESTING, USE,
MANUFACTURE, PRODUCTION, ACQUISITION OR STORAGE OF ANY NUCLEAR
WEAPONS OR NUCLEAR LAUNCHING DEVICES,
(B) A SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION
TO ENSURE THAT NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH
THE FOREGOING COMMITMENTS,
(C) UNDERTAKINGS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NOT TO USE OR
THREATEN THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST THE STATES
OF THE REGION;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE DECLARATION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA;

DESIROUS OF PREVENTING THE REGION OF SOUTH ASIA FROM
BECOMING INVOLVED IN A RUINOUS NUCLEAR ARMS RACE;
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CONSIDERING THAT THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA CAN SERVE AS A MODEL THAT MAY BE
EMULATED TO ADVANTAGE BY OTHER REGIONS, INCLUDING SOUTH ASIA;

1. ENDORSES THE CONCEPT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN
SOUTH ASIA;

2. TAKES NOTE OF THE AFFIRMATION BY THE STATES OF THE REGION NOT TO ACQUIRE OR MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO DEVOTE THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR PEOPLES;

3. INVITES THE STATES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION TO INITIATE, WITHOUT DELAY, NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE AND URGES THEM, IN THE INTERIM, TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION CONTRARY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES;

4. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL STATES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, WILL LEND THEIR FULL COOPERATION FOR THE EFFECTIVE REALIZATION OF THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE, IN PURSUANCE OF PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, A MEETING OF THE STATES OF THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION AND RENDER TO THEM SUCH ASSISTANCE AS THEY MAY REQUIRE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND TO REPORT ON THE SUBJECT TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UNQUOTE
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